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SUBJ: NO DIET DISSOLUTION UNTIL 1976?

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SUMMARY. THE GOJ AND RULING LDP HAVE COME AS CLOSE AS THEY YET HAVE
TO DISMISSING POSSIBILITY OF DIET DISSOLUTION AND GENERAL ELECTION
DURING 1975. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JUNE 11 MEETING OF GOJ AND LDP LEADERSHIP, IT WAS DECIDED
THERE WOULD BE NO DIET DISSOLUTION "FOR THE PRESENT." THE MEETING
WAS ATTENDED BY PRIMIN MIKI, DEPUTY PRIMIN FUKUDA, CHIEF CABINET
SECRETARY IDE, LDP VICE PRESIDENT SHIINA, AND LDP SECRETARY-
GENERAL NAKASONE. AT FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE, NAKASONE
DEFINED "FOR THE PRESENT" AS MEANING THERE WOULD BE NO DISSOLUTION
DURING 1975. SOME ACCOUNTS ALSO PUT THOSE PRECISE WORDS IN
MIKI'S MOUTH. AT LEAST ONE REPORT, HOWEVER, QUOTED IDE AS
SAYING POSSIBILITY OF DISSOLUTION IN 1975 STILL OPEN.

2. THERE WERE INDICATIONS JUNE 12 THAT THE TANAKA AND OHIRA
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FACTIONS, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT ATTEND JUNE 11 MEETING,

CONTINUE TO READY THEMSELVES FOR A LATE FALL -- FOLLOWING THE
EMPEROR'S OCTOBER U.S. VISIT -- DISSOLUTION AND GENERAL
ELECTION.

COMMENT. THE TOP GOJ/LDP LEADERSHIP APPARENTLY IS WORRIED
THAT, WITH THE LIKELY PASSAGE OF ELECTION REDISTRICTING
BILL, SUPPORT FOR EARLY DISSOLUTION OF THE DIET AMONG THOSE
FAVORED BY THE BILL'S PROVISIONS WOULD INCREASE SHARPLY. DESPITE
THE LEADERSHIP'S ATTEMPTS TO RULE OUT THAT POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER,
THE VAGUENESS OF THE "FOR THE PRESENT" PHRASING AND THE CON-
FUSION SURROUNDING ITS INTERPRETATION CLEARLY LEAVES SOME SLIGHT
ROOM FOR DISSOLUTION LATE THIS YEAR. CONTINUED TALK AND PRE-
PARATION FOR THAT POSSIBILITY SIMPLY REFLECTS CURRENT MISTRUST
AMONG TOP LDP RIVALS FOR THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP. NONETHELESS,
THE ODDS ON DISSOLUTION APPEAR TO BE SHIFTING IN FAVOR OF
1976 DIET DISSOLUTION.
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